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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The Restriction Requirement mailed July 14, 2004, in the above-referenced patent application required restriction to one of the following sets of claims: Group I, including claims 1-14; Group II, including claims 15-21; and Group III, including claims 22-28.

However, in telephone conferences held on or about August 2 and August 6, 2004, the Examiner, Mr. Michael L. Burleson, agreed that Groups I and III could be considered to be one group. In this regard, the Applicant provisionally elects Groups I and III and respectfully traverses the restriction requirement as explained below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.